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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of May 18, 2004, wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group VI (claims 14 and 15) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-18 are pending. The Office alleges that the claims are directed to nine distinct and independent inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 to 4, directed to methods for identifying genes which are up- or down-regulated in intestinal tissue of patients;